(a) whether incidents of large scale smuggling by sea and air have come to the notice of Government;

(b) whether it is a fact that of late there has been an increase in such incidents; and

(c) what are the figures relating to smuggling by sea and air for the period January to April in 1987, 1988, 1989 and 1990?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI ANIL SHASTRI): (a) to (c) Reports received and seizures made indicate that India conunues to be sensitive to smuggling of goods both by sea and air. It is not possible to estimate whether such smuggling has increased over the past few years. The figures of the value of goods seized by the Customs authorities while being attempted to be smuggled by sea and air during the period January to April in the years 1987, 1988, 1989 and upto March in 1990 as given in the table below show an increasing trend. This need not necessarily indicate a spurt in smuggling but could be due to intensified anti-smuggling efforts.

Table

(Rs. in crores)

Year		Value of goods seized
1987		52.34
1988	(Upto April)	88.49
1989		162.27
1990	(Upto March)	185.52 (Provisional)

Trade with Federal Republic of Germany

1754. SHRI SYED SIBTEY RAZI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether trade with Federal Republic of Germany is likely to be improved in the years to come; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI ARANGIL SREEDHARAN): (a) and (b) Our trade with FRG has shown a constant increase in the past few years. Taking figures of the past three years, as maintained by DGCI&S, the total trade has increased from Rs. 2672.1 crores in 1986-87 to Rs. 3678.00 crores in 1988-89. Our exports to Germany have more or less kept pace with the trend of increase in global exports. The items, which have registered steady increase in our exports to FRG include leather goods, carpets, precious and semi-precious stones, garments and made-ups of silk, rayon and cotton, engineering goods. While it is expected that our trade with Federal Republic of Germany would expand further in the years to come, the actual extent to which we would be able to improve our exports would depend on several factors, arising out of the integration of the European Market, as also globalisation of trade, in general.

Settlement of Cauvery water dispute

1755. SHRI N.E. BALARAM: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to refer the Cauvery water dispute to a Tribunal;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and by when a settlement on the issue is expected;

(c) whether it is a fact that the Kerala Government has requested the Central Government to exempt the State from being a Party to the Tribunal;

(d) if so, what are the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(e) what is Central Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI MANUBHAI KOTADIA: (a) and (b). Supreme Court in its order on 4.5.1990 has directed the Central